

Interim Hearings – Week of August 20

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House Select Committee on [Texas Ports, Innovation & Infrastructure](#) (San Antonio)

Charge: Benefits and needs of Texas' Inland/Dry Ports

- [Texas Freight Mobility Plan 2017](#), Texas Department of Transportation, March 7, 2018
- ["Texas Ports: Gateways to World Commerce," Fiscal Notes](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, February 2017
- [Interim Report to the 85th Legislature \(Inland ports\)](#), Senate Select Committee on Texas Ports, November 2016
- [Texas' Ports of Entry: Economic Impact](#) (Economic snapshots), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 2017
- [Survey of State Funding Practices for Coastal Port Infrastructure](#) (Includes inland ports), Texas A&M Transportation Institute, May 2015
- [Inland Ports: Economic Generators in Texas?](#), Texas Department of Transportation, August 22, 2013
- [Failure to Act: The Economic Impact of Current Investment Trends in Airports, Inland Waterways, and Marine Ports Infrastructure](#), American Society of Civil Engineers, Economic Development Research Group, 2012
- [Incorporating Inland Port Strategies Into TXDOT Planning: An Implementation Manual](#), Center for Transportation Research, University of Texas at Austin, Revised July 2005
- [Impacts of Inland Ports on Trade Flows and Transportation in Texas: A Summary](#) (Part 1 – [The Identification and Classification of Inland Ports](#); Part 2 – [Inland Ports: Planning Successful Developments](#)), Center for Transportation

Research, University of Texas at Austin, October 2002

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House Committee on **Urban Affairs** (Houston)

Charge: Housing needs in areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey and related flooding, including local, state and federal governments' responses, and changes in affordable and low-income housing needs

- *State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery: Hurricane Harvey – Round 1* (Economic impact – employment, construction standards, housing impact), Texas General Land Office, Community Development & Revitalization Program, June 25, 2018
- "Harvey Highlights Houston MUD Bond Development Funding," *Southwest Economy*, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Second Quarter 2018
- *An Affordability Framework for the National Flood Insurance Program*, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, April 17, 2018
- *Frequently Asked Questions About Direct Housing Programs in Texas*, Texas General Land Office/Texas Rebuilds, 2017
- *Disaster Housing Assistance Program*, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- *Hurricane Harvey Response* (Various rules, notices, and reports concerning storm damage), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- *Individuals and Households Program Unified Guidance*, U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency, September 2016

Charge: Recommendations to improve and accelerate the response to existing and future housing needs related to Hurricane Harvey and future natural disasters, including set-asides and how best to rebuild and revitalize

- *Hurricane Harvey Response 2017: After Action Review Report*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, April 3, 2018
- "Houston Surveys Post-Harvey Policy Landscape: The 'Bayou City' Considers Land Use Rules Changes," *Land Lines*, April 2018
- *Preparedness, Response, and Rebuilding: Lessons from the 2017 Disasters* (Testimony before the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security), Reed Clay, Chief Operating Officer for Texas Governor Greg Abbott, March 15, 2018
- "Houston, We Have a Problem: Could Legal Codes, Land Use Regulations, and Zoning Requirements Blunted Harvey's Devastation?" *2 x 4 x 10*, ABA Forum on Construction Law, Division 10 (Winter 2017)
- *Interim Report to the 85th Legislature* (Charge 3 – Disaster preparedness planning and coordination, background on process to rebuild housing and efficiency of disaster recovery), Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, November 2016

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Senate Committee on Higher Education

Charge: Mandate reduction

- *Required Reports Prepared by State Agencies and Institutions of Higher Education (Fiscal Year 2017)* (Required Reports by Preparer: Higher Education Institutions, All; Public Community/Junior Colleges, All; State Agencies and Higher Education Institutions, All), Texas State Library and Archives Commission, October 2016
- *Interim Report to the 74th Legislature* (Charge – Study of higher education mandated reports to the legislature and legislative agencies), House Committee on Higher Education, November 1994
- *Federal Mandates* (Institutions of higher education), National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments, U. S. Department of Education, American Institutes for Research
- *Institutional Resources & Programs*, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Charge: Monitoring; specifically, updates on construction of facilities as a result of tuition revenue bonds and development and implementation of the Texas OnCourse program, and monitor the following:

1. **SB 2118**, 85th Legislature, R. S., relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.
2. **HB 2205**, 84th Legislature, R. S., relating to the State Board for Educator Certification, educator preparation programs, educator certification, issuance of certain teaching permits, and certain procedures for investigating educator misconduct.
3. **SB 887**, 85th Legislature, R. S., relating to a requirement that certain participating institutions under the student loan program administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board provide loan debt information to certain students.
4. **SB 802**, 85th Legislature, R. S., relating to a study and report regarding best practices in the transfer of course credit between public institutions of higher education.
5. **SB 810**, 85th Legislature, R. S., relating to open educational resources.
6. **HB 2223**, 85th Legislature, R. S., relating to developmental coursework offered by public institutions of higher education under the Texas Success Initiative.

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House Committee on [County Affairs](#) (Dallas)

Charge 1: Emergency response activities, impact of natural disasters on county finances; Charge 2: County ordinance-making and enforcement authority to deal with flood risk in unincorporated rural and suburban areas

- [Committee Meeting Handouts](#), House Committee on County Affairs, June 6, 2018
- [Interim Hearings – Week of June 4](#), House Committee on County Affairs, June 6, Legislative Reference Library, May 31, 2018
- ["County Affairs Committee Discusses Natural Disaster Recovery,"](#) Texas Association of Counties, June 1, 2018 (including [Written Testimony of Jim Allison, County Judges & Commissioners Association of Texas, May 10, 2018](#))
- [Committee Meeting Handouts](#), House Committee on County Affairs, May 10, 2018

Charge 3: Defendants' and inmates' behavioral health needs, mental health services upon release from the criminal justice system

- [Annual Report on the Screening of Offenders With Mental Illness](#), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, September 2017
- [Interim Report to the 85th Legislature](#), House Select Committee on Mental Health, December 2016
- [Interim Report to the 84th Legislature](#) (Charge 4 – Serious mental illness and substance use disorders), House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, January 2015
- [Interim Report to the 84th Legislature](#) (Charge 2 – Medical and mental health care treatment in Texas prison system), Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, December 2014

Charge 5: Monitor agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 85th Legislature

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